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SENATOR LANDIS: To my knowledge, I do not know of a consequence from federal law. I think there are two possible risks. Number one, there are a number of states that don't meet every year, like we do, and we may, by choosing to be a laggard, be taking a card out of a deck in which case the whole set of cards comes down and in fact we're faced with state regulation of this field. So, but I think that's one consequence. We're taking a gamble and gambles can go either way and you can lose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What is the time frame within which 29 states must act, or is there none that has been established?

SENATOR LANDIS: I think it is ...

SENATOR COORDSEN: Time.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...I tell you what, rather than guess, why don't I give you a right answer rather than guess an answer. Okay?

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Thompson, please.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Mr. President, I yield my time to Senator Beutler.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Beutler, you have five minutes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Coordsen, members of the Legislature, the question of 29 states versus 21 states and which group shall we be in is an interesting one, but only temporarily relevant, in my opinion, because as soon as 29 do it by a certain date, why wouldn't the federal government require all 50 by a later date? After all, there's not much point in doing this, unless you have all the states doing it. Uniformity is the rationale. In any event, let me ask Senator Landis, if he would, to just kind of hypothesize about how we would...would you just kind of walk us through the steps by which we would make a substantial change to this law, in your opinion.

SENATOR LANDIS: One of us would make an amendment on the floor